

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 115

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor Beaulis Lively for his distinguished military service with the United States Navy during World War II.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have, throughout the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our state and nation, the distinguished military service of each and every proud Tennessean should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored, especially those honorable military veterans who served during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beaulis Lively of Lenoir City is one such individual who ably served this country and the United States Navy as a radioman during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lively grew up in Beckley, West Virginia, the son of a coal miner, and quickly learned the value of hard work and unwavering determination; and

WHEREAS, proud to serve his country, he enlisted in the United States Navy, working aboard a ship that escorted convoys and troops across the Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lively returned home after the war, taking up his father's trade and beginning a career in the coal mining industry that would span an impressive twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, during his well-earned retirement, he has enjoyed the love and companionship of his wife, Helen, a Tennessee native, with whom he moved to Tellico Village in 1988, later relocating to their current home of Lenoir City; and

WHEREAS, devout members of Apostolic Faith Ministries for the last six years, the happy couple has assisted with the development of new churches and has opened their home to traveling evangelists; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their community service, the Livelys enjoy gardening and travel, which recently included Beaulis's "dream trip" to Washington, D.C. as part of HonorAir Knoxville, an organization whose mission is to fly as many World War II veterans as possible to see the World War II Memorial built in their honor; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery in the line of fire and his dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Beaulis Lively to the full extent of our ability, as he has made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Beaulis Lively for his military service during World War II, applaud his dedication and bravery, and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.